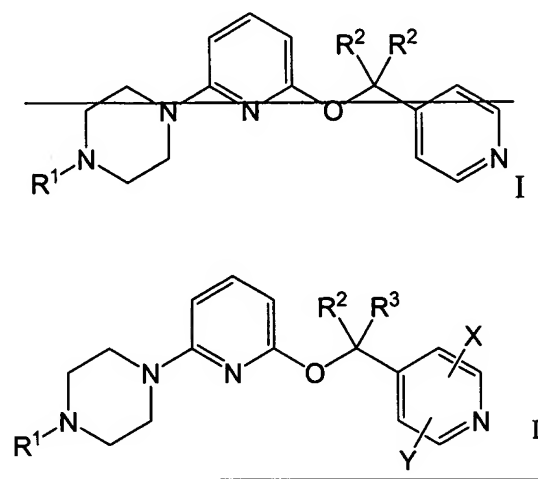


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I



wherein

R^1 is hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylmethyl or heteroarylmethyl, wherein said aryl and heteroaryl and the aryl and heteroaryl moieties of said arylmethyl and said heteroarylmethyl can optionally be substituted with one or more substituents, independently selected from hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, nitro, amino, cyano - $C(=O)-O-(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl-, (C_1-C_6) alkyl- $C(=O)-(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl-, $-C(=O)H$, $-C(=O)NR^4R^5$, (C_1-C_6) alkyl optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, and (C_1-C_6) alkoxy optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms;

R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from hydrogen and (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

or R² and R³, taken together, may form a saturated carbocyclic ring having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms;

R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

or R⁴ and R⁵, taken together, may form a saturated carbocyclic ring having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms; and

X and Y are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, nitro, amino, cyano -C(=O)-O-(C₁-C₆)alkyl-, (C₁-C₆)alkyl-C(=O)-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, -C(=O)H, -C(=O)NR⁴R⁵), (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxy optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms; and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such compounds.

2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is hydrogen and X and Y are selected from hydrogen and methyl.

3. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein X and Y are selected from hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)alkyl.

4. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the following compounds and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts:

1-[6-(Pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine; 3-{4-[6-(Pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-propan-1-ol;

1-Methyl-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-Ethyl-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-Benzyl-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-Propyl-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-(2-Methoxy-ethyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-(2-Phenoxy-ethyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-(3-Phenoxy-propyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine; 1-(3-Phenyl-propyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-Butyl-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

3-{4-[6-(Pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-propionitrile; 4-{4-[6-(Pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-butyronitrile;

1-(3-Methyl-benzyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-(3-Chloro-benzyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

3-{4-[6-(Pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazin-1-ylmethyl}-benzonitrile;

2-{4-[6-(Pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazin-1-ylmethyl}-benzonitrile;

4-{4-[6-(Pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazin-1-ylmethyl}-benzonitrile;

1-(3-Fluoro-benzyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine; 1-(4-Fluoro-benzyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-(3-Methoxy-benzyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-(2-Chloro-benzyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-(4-tert-butyl-benzyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-(2-Fluoro-benzyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-(2-Bromo-benzyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-Isopropyl-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-Cyclopropyl-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-(1-Methyl-hexyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-[6-(2-Methyl-pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine; 4-(6-Piperazin-1-yl-pyridin-2-yloxymethyl)-quinoline;

1-[6-(3-Methyl-pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-[6-(2-Phenyl-pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine;

1-[6-(2,6-Dimethyl-pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine; and

1-(4-Fluoro-benzyl)-4-[6-(pyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-piperazine.

5. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition for treating a disorder or condition selected from depression, anxiety, avoidant personality disorder, premature ejaculation, eating disorders migraine, premenstrual syndrome, premenstrual dysphoric disorder, seasonal affective disorder, bipolar disorder, jet lag, sleep disorders such as circadian sleep rhythms disorder, sleep deprivation, REM sleep disorders, hypersomnia, parasomnias, sleep-wake cycle disorders, sleep disorders associated with blindness, sleep disorders associated with obesity, narcolepsy and sleep disorders associated with shift work or irregular work schedules; nocturnal enuresis, and restless legs syndrome in a mammal, comprising an amount of a compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is effective in treating such disorder or condition, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

6. (Previously Presented) A method for treating a disorder or condition selected from depression, anxiety, avoidant personality disorder, premature ejaculation, eating disorders, migraine, premenstrual syndrome, premenstrual dysphoric disorder, seasonal affective disorder, bipolar disorder, jet lag, sleep disorders such as circadian sleep rhythms disorder, sleep deprivation, REM sleep disorders, hypersomnia, parasomnias, sleep-wake cycle disorders, sleep disorders associated with blindness, sleep disorders associated with obesity, narcolepsy and sleep disorders associated with shift work or irregular work schedules; nocturnal enuresis, and restless legs syndrome in a

mammal, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an amount of a compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is effective in treating such disorder or condition.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition for treating a disorder or condition selected from depression, anxiety, avoidant personality disorder, premature ejaculation, eating disorders, migraine, premenstrual syndrome, premenstrual dysphoric disorder, seasonal affective disorder, bipolar disorder, jet lag, sleep disorders such as circadian sleep rhythms disorder, sleep deprivation, REM sleep disorders, hypersomnia, parasomnias, sleep-wake cycle disorders, sleep disorders associated with blindness, sleep disorders associated with obesity, narcolepsy and sleep disorders associated with shift work or irregular work schedules; nocturnal enuresis, and restless legs syndrome in a mammal, comprising an amount of a compound according to claim 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is effective in treating such disorder or condition, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10. (Previously Presented) A method for treating a disorder or condition selected from depression, anxiety, avoidant personality disorder, premature ejaculation, eating disorders, migraine, premenstrual syndrome, premenstrual dysphoric disorder, seasonal affective disorder, bipolar disorder, jet lag, sleep disorders such as circadian sleep rhythms disorder, sleep deprivation, REM sleep disorders, hypersomnia, parasomnias, sleep-wake cycle disorders, sleep disorders associated with blindness, sleep disorders associated with obesity, narcolepsy and sleep disorders associated with shift work or irregular work schedules; nocturnal enuresis, and restless legs syndrome in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an amount of

a compound according to claim 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is effective in treating such disorder or condition.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)